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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Dyddiad ac Amser / Date and Time

****10.30am, DYDD LLUN, 28 IONAWR, 2013**

****10.30am, MONDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2013**

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**PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Aelodaeth/Membership

Aelodau Etholedig / Elected Members (3)

Y Cynghorwyr/Councillors
Charles Wyn Jones
Eryl Jones-Williams
Michael Sol Owen

Aelodau Annibynnol / Independent Members (5)

Ms Linda Byrne
Mr Gwilym Ellis Evans
Miss Margaret E Jones
Mr Sam W Soysa
Dr Einir Young

Aelod Pwyllgor Cymuned / Community Committee Member (1)

Y Cynghorydd / Councillor David Clay

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

4. MINUTES

The Chairman shall propose that the minutes of the last meeting of this committee held on 27 November, 2012 be signed as a true record (copy herewith – yellow paper).

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR DYFRIG JONES

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith – blue paper).

6. NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEES FORUM

To consider the verbal report of the Monitoring Officer (copy of the 7th January Forum minutes herewith – salmon paper).

7. STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2013

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith - green paper).

8. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith - cream paper).

9. TRAINING

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith - lilac paper).

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) BILL WALES

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith - pink paper).

11. MEMBERS PROTOCOL ON GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (copy herewith - grey paper).

STANDARDS COMMITTEE, 27.11.12

Present: -

Elected Members:- Councillors Eryl Jones-Williams and Michael Sol Owen.

Independent Members:- Mr Gwilym Ellis Evans (Chairman), Ms Linda Byrne, and Miss Margaret E.Jones.

Community Committee Member:- Mr David Clay.

Observers: Councillors Charles W.Jones and Dr Einir Young.

Also Present: Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer), Siôn Huws (Compliance and Language Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Members' Support and Scrutiny Officer).

Apology: Mr Sam Soysa (Independent Member).

Since there were three independent members and four elected members present at the meeting, Councillor Charles W.Jones agreed to attend as an observer, in order to ensure a quorum, since Article 9 of the Council's Constitution stated that at least half of the members present at a meeting of the Standards Committee should be independent members. The member was invited to contribute to the discussion, but it was explained that he could not be part of any formal decision.

1. WELCOME

Dr Einir Young was welcomed to the meeting as an observer following the decision of the Consultation Panel to recommend her to the Council on 6 December as an independent member of the Standards Committee.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any member present.

3. URGENT ITEM – APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR W.GARETH ROBERTS

This matter had not been included on the committee's agenda; however, the Chairman agreed to hold a discussion on this matter as an urgent item under Section 100B (4)(b), Local Government Act 1972, as the councillor wished to speak in the Planning Committee on 17 December as the local member on the application by the National Trust to construct a Centre of Excellence for Coastal Tourism in the Henfaes parking ground, Aberdaron although he was connected with the matter.

The Monitoring Officer explained that the local member's connection with the matter involved the fact that he had worked for the National Trust as a Local Warden for 12 years from 1985 to 1996, he was currently their tenant at Cwrt, Aberdaron and he had

been part of the Team (as the local councillor) along with another representative of the local community who had worked on developing the scheme.

She elaborated on the procedure of the Planning Committee and referred to the right of the local member and the public to speak on planning applications. She also explained that a local member, with an interest, had the same right as a member of the public under the code to speak for three minutes on a planning application, rather than ten minutes, as was usually permitted for local members. In this case, the member asked the committee to consider lifting the prohibition and allowing him to have his full rights as a local member to speak for ten minutes, but not to vote when considering the application. The committee was advised that the member's main connection was the fact that he was a tenant of the body who was submitting the application.

In considering the application, the following observations were noted:-

- Caution had to be taken when considering this type of application. How would the electors interpret this, especially given that the member had the right to speak on the application for three minutes anyway, or to ask another member to submit the case on his behalf?
- The application appeared to be important to the area and it was likely that it would take more than three minutes for the member to submit all the relevant information to the committee. The local member was the one who knew what was the opinion of the community and was in the best situation to submit that opinion.
- Approving the application could set a precedent for similar applications in the future.
- Every application had to be considered on its own merits.
- The member did not have a personal interest in the application.
- The member would not have a vote.
- It was considered that there was no difference between three and ten minutes, as the principle of permitting a local member, with an interest, to speak in the Planning Committee had been agreed anyway.
- Although it was possible for the member to present his case on paper to another member, it was certain that he had worked hard on this matter and was eager to submit his case in person.

RESOLVED to approve the application for dispensation on the following grounds:-

- **The local member knows what is the opinion of the community and is in the best situation to submit that opinion at the Planning Committee.**
- **That permitting the dispensation does not give the member any new right, except extending the right he already holds to speak for three minutes on the application.**
- **The local member does not have a vote at the Planning Committee.**
- **The member does not have a personal interest in the application.**

4. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee, held on 2 July and 26 September, 2012 as a true record.

5. NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEES FORUM

Submitted – the report of the Monitoring Officer appending the minutes of the meetings of the Forum held on 23 April and 17 July 2012.

As the Sub-chair of this committee was absent for periods from time to time, it was asked if it was appropriate to choose another member of the committee to deputise on his behalf in the Forum meetings. The Monitoring Officer responded that she did not anticipate that the Forum would have any objection.

In reference to item 46 of the minutes (meeting held on 17 July) – Feedback from the Training Sessions, it was noted that the Welsh Government should be pressed upon to make Code of Conduct Training for new councillors compulsory from the next elections onwards. In response, the Monitoring Officer noted that all of the members of Gwynedd Council had received the training in 2008 and that every newly elected member to the Council in May 2012 had also received the training. She added that training would be a specific subject on the agenda of the January meeting of this committee.

RESOLVED

- (a) To note and accept the report.**
- (b) To nominate Mr David Clay to delegate on behalf of the Chairman / Vice-chair in the meetings of the Forum.**

6. STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2013

Submitted – the report of the Monitoring Officer submitting information on the 2013 conference and asking for the committee's opinion on the draft programme and for any suggestions or other observations that would be of benefit to holding a successful event.

RESOLVED

- (a) To note and accept the report.**
- (b) To submit the following suggestions / observations:-**
 - **More time should be spent on the workshops, and less on the presentation.**
 - **Clarity is needed on what are the outputs and how to measure the success of the event.**
 - **Local dispute resolution procedures is an important subject to discuss in light of the Ombudsman's expectation for authorities to establish local arrangements to resolve low level complaints within the councils.**
- (c) To decide in the January meeting who exactly will be attending the conference after receiving information regarding the numbers permitted.**

7. THE OMBUDSMAN'S GUIDELINES

Submitted – the report of the Monitoring Officer detailing the latest amendments to the Ombudsman's Guidelines.

A reference was made to the Ombudsman's letter to the Chief Executive of every Council following a decision in the High Court on the case of Calver – v – The Adjudication Panel for Wales, which noted that the Ombudsman would take a stricter attitude when deciding if an investigation would be held if it appeared that the complaint involved what could be called an expression of political views.

The Monitoring Officer noted that this letter had caused a considerable amount of uproar amongst councillors and monitoring officers as it had raised the threshold for commencing an investigation. She noted, following submitting the letter to the attention of the Political Group Leaders, that she had been asked to distribute the Gwynedd

Standard to every member of the Council, as this was the document that filled the gap up to the threshold where the Ombudsman would begin investigating a complaint. She further noted that sending out the document in the name of the Standards Committee would give it a higher status.

RESOLVED

- (a) To note and accept the report and that any member who wishes to obtain a hard copy of the Ombudsman's guidelines to contact the Monitoring Officer.**
- (b) To support the proposal to send a copy of the Gwynedd Standard to all of the County Council members in the name of the Standards Committee.**
- (c) To send a letter to the community and town council clerks drawing attention to the Ombudsman's guidelines and enclosing a copy of the Gwynedd Standard along with an exemplary code, encouraging them to amend and adopt that code for the purposes of their own councils.**
- (ch) The Monitoring Officer to contact One Voice Wales before corresponding with the community and town councils.**
- (d) To complain to the Ombudsman that his letter to the Chief Executives of the councils had been sent in English only.**

8. ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST MEMBERS

Submitted for information – the report of the Monitoring Officer notifying the committee members of the developments, since her last report, in terms of allegations against members.

In reference to the case that had been submitted to the Standards Committee, the Compliance and Language Manager noted that Councillor Aeron Maldwyn Jones had appealed against the decision and therefore that decision would not come into force until the appeal had been decided. He then outlined the decisions that were open to the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that the hearing would be open to the public. A date had not been set as yet, but the Monitoring Officer would contact the members of this committee in good time.

RESOLVED to note and accept the report.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted – the report of the Monitoring Officer submitting the committee's work programme for the coming year for approval.

It was noted that it was important that the members of the Standards Committee attended the Council meetings in order to gain an understanding of what was going on in the authority meetings, in this context it was suggested that the Planning Committee would be a worthwhile meeting to observe.

The Monitoring Officer noted that the legislation on Promoting Local Democracy would be submitted that day and that it would have an impact on the standards regime. Should the consultation period come to an end prior to January, she would consult with the members via e-mail. Otherwise, the item could be included on the January agenda.

RESOLVED

- (a) To agree on the following work programme:-**

28 January, 2013

- A report on allegations against members
- Minutes of the Chairman and Vice-chairmen North Wales Forum
- Report on training
- Legislation on Promoting Local Democracy (*subject to the consultation period*)
- Links with community and town councils

8 April, 2013

- A report on allegations against members
- Minutes of the Chairman and Vice-chairmen North Wales Forum
- Work programme for the pending year
- Draft annual report of the Standards Committee

July 2013 (date to be determined)

- Reports on allegations against members
- Minutes of the Chairman and Vice-chairmen North Wales Forum
- The Ombudsman's Annual Report
- Feedback from the Standards Conference

- (b) To include a specific item on the work programme to discuss the entire field of social media and how councillors use them.
- (c) That members of this committee are able to attend any meetings of the Council as observers and receive a link for every programme that is published.
- (c) To send a list of dates and locations of the Planning Committee to members of this committee so that they can be present when the committee meets in their area.

10. PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS ON GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

Submitted – the report of the Monitoring Officer asking the committee to review the Protocol for Gifts and Hospitality and submitting a series of questions that would be beneficial for the members to consider when undertaking the work.

The Monitoring Officer noted that 38 statements had been made since May 2008 and two since the beginning of the current term from May 2012 onwards. 25 out of the 38 statements had been made by the Council Leader and the other 13 by general members. A statement had been made by one co-opted member and two elected members of this committee.

By referring to individual questions, the following observations were noted:-

Question (a)

It was suggested that the Protocol did not offer clear enough guidance to members as to when they should accept or refuse offers. For example, if a councillor did not receive an invoice, it could be difficult for him to know if that was due to his role as a councillor or not and a protocol should be drawn up to register such situations within 12 months.

Question (b)

It was noted that more clarity was needed on the protocol as there was a tendency for people to think, if a gift was worth less than £25 that it was fine for them to accept it.

Question (c)

No observations.

Question (ch)

It was noted that there was a need for people to see that there was a pattern from registration and that including the statements on the Council's website could encourage others. To the contrary, it was expressed that this involved a great risk as it could create undeserved stigma.

It was noted that the procedure was completely dependent on trust and that there was no way of checking if councillors had registered or not.

It was suggested to reconsider the matter in the January meeting and consider how to best remind members of the need to register.

Question (d)

It was suggested to discuss the matter in the January meeting as there was no example of a registration form submitted to the committee.

Question (dd)

It was suggested to defer the protocol and submit the full report to the committee in January.

Question (e)

It was suggested to defer, in order to obtain a report on what was currently taking place.

RESOLVED to ask the Monitoring Officer to submit an amended report to the committee in January that would:-

- Offer suggestions in terms of the clarity of the Protocol;
- Highlight what is available in other councils;
- Enclose a registration form;
- Consider the best way of drawing members' attention to the need to register, without uploading it on the internet;
- Suggest how to make it clearer to members that they do not need to register invitations received as part of their post.

11. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES - ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

Submitted for information – the report of the Monitoring Officer appending the 2011/12 Annual Report of the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

It was noted that it would be desired to see more members from north Wales on the panel.

RESOLVED to note and accept the report.

12. THE OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

Submitted for information – the report of the Monitoring Officer appending the Ombudsman's 2011/12 Annual Report.

RESOLVED to note and accept the report.

The meeting commenced at 10.30am and concluded at 12.35pm.

Committee:	Standards Committee
Date:	28 January 2013
Title:	Application for dispensation by Councillor Dyfrig Jones
Author:	Monitoring Officer
Action:	To decide upon the application

Background

1. I enclose as **Appendix** an application by Cllr Dyfrig Jones of Bethesda Community Council applying for a dispensation in connection with discussions about village halls within the area, including financing arrangements.

2. The Councillor has declared an interest because he is a member on the management committee of one of the halls. It is possible that other members will submit similar applications, and these will be presented at the meeting.

3. The Standards Committee may grant a dispensation of the situation comes within one (or more) of those listed in the relevant regulations (see **Appendix**). The Councillor states that he is asking the Committee to grant a dispensation under paragraph (a), which states that a dispensation may be granted where -

“no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;”

4. The Ombudsman’s Guidelines on the code of Conduct notes the following in relation to granting dispensations (p.36):

“The standards committee will need to balance the public interest in preventing members with prejudicial interests from taking part in decisions, against the public interest in decisions being taken by a reasonably representative group of members of the authority. If failure to grant a dispensation will result in an authority or committee not achieving a quorum, this may well constitute grounds for granting a dispensation.”

Recommendation

5. The Committee is requested to consider and decide upon Councillor Dyfrig Jones’ application for a dispensation, along with any others that are received.

Application for a Dispensation

This is the form for submitting an application for a dispensation, i.e. permission to take part in a discussion even though you have a 'prejudicial interest' under the Code of Conduct. The Standards Committee may grant a dispensation if the circumstances come within one of the paragraphs listed in the Appendix to this form.

1. Name Dyfrig Jones Council Behesda Community

2. What is the item in question?

Discussions regarding Gerlan, Rachub and Bethesda village halls

3. What is your interest (i.e. your connection with the matter)?

Member of management committee of one of the halls in question

4. Why do you believe you should be able to take part in the discussion?

More than half the members of the Community Council also sit on the committees of one of the four village halls within the Community Council area

5. Which paragraph(s) is/are relevant in your view? (see Appendix) 81(4) (a)

6. Are you applying for a dispensation to speak and vote or to speak only?

To speak and vote

7. Are you requesting a dispensation for a particular meeting (if so provide details) or a general one so that you can take part whenever the matters arises?

General

Signed Dyfrig Jones Dated 14/12/12

Please return to the Monitoring Officer, Gwynedd Council, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH.

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Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted

“2. The standards committee of a relevant authority may grant dispensations under section 81(4) of the Act where -

- (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (d) the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;
- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (h) the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or
- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.”

(The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001)

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NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEES FORUM

Monday, 7 January 2013 at 2.00 pm
Bodlondeb, Conwy

PRESENT:	Howie Roberts (Chair)	Chair - Conwy Standards Committee
	Lynn Ball	Monitoring Officer - Isle of Anglesey
	David Clay (In place of Sam W. Soysa)	Independent Member - Gwynedd Standards Committee
	Trevor Coxon	Monitoring Officer - Wrexham
	Gwilym Ellis Evans	Chair - Gwynedd Standards Committee
	Jane Eyton-Jones	Vice-Chair - North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Standards Committee
	Sion Huws	Propriety Officer - Gwynedd
	Iwan Jones	Monitoring Officer - Snowdonia National Park
	Delyth E. Jones	Monitoring Officer - Conwy
	Islwyn Jones	Vice-Chair - Isle of Anglesey Standards Committee
	Lisa Jones	Deputy Monitoring Officer - Denbighshire
	Pat Jones	Vice-Chair - Flintshire Standards Committee
	Robyn Jones	Deputy Monitoring Officer - Isle of Anglesey
	Gareth Owens	Monitoring Officer - Flintshire
	Dilys Ann Phillips	Monitoring Officer - Gwynedd
	Rev. Wayne Roberts	Vice-Chair - Denbighshire Standards Committee
	Peter Rowland	Chair - Snowdonia National Park Standards Committee
	Ian Trigger	Chair - Denbighshire Standards Committee
	Gary Williams	Monitoring Officer - Denbighshire
	Michael B. Wilson	Chair - Isle of Anglesey Standards Committee
In attendance:	Sian Harland	Committee Services Officer

57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Gary Williams (Denbighshire), Ceri Nash (Wrexham), Sam Soysa (Gwynedd), Ceri Williams (Conwy), Rob Dawson (Wrexham) and Sioned Wyn Davies (Wrexham).

58. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Standards Committees Forum held on 4 October 2012 were submitted for approval.

Gwilym Ellis Evans (Gwynedd) advised that he was in attendance and that Sam Soysa was a representative of Gwynedd and not Wrexham.

RESOLVED-

That, subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Standards Committees Forum held on 4 October 2012 be approved as a correct record.

59. GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL ADVICE TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Members were advised that the item had been included on the agenda in order to discuss what provision each Local Authority provided in terms of governance and ethical advice to Town and Community Councils, and how this was communicated and promoted.

The Forum was further advised that the topic would be covered at the Standards Conference 2013.

Wrexham

- Training sessions held centrally and in other areas of the County Borough
- Framework for training was the same guidance as used for County Borough Councillors
- Examples based on Ombudsman's cases were used within the training
- Queries were still received from Town and Community Councils, but this was better than having to deal with an investigation
- Attendance was at 40-50%
- Quarterly meetings had been held with Clerks to Town and Community Councils, but were not well attended
- The knowledge of Clerks in relation to the Code of Conduct was variable

Denbighshire

- Quarterly meetings were held with Town and Community Clerks
- Training had been held for Clerks
- A training roadshow was held with training sessions throughout the County
- There was a 30% attendance rate at meetings
- All training had been positively received
- It was important that lines of communication were kept open between the County and Town and Community Councils

Anglesey

- Very few complaints emanated from Town and Community Councils in relation to the Code of Conduct
- Training sessions were held centrally with the Clerk and Chair of Town and Community Councils, with the understanding that Clerks would cascade the training down to their Councillors

60. **OMBUDSMAN'S REVISED GUIDANCE ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Following the request at the last meeting the Monitoring Officer (Gwynedd), who is also the Chair of ACSeS Wales, provided the following update:-

- The Ombudsman's revised guidance was as a result of the Calver v The Adjudication Panel for Wales High Court case, which had ruled that the Councillor involved had been exercising his Freedom of Expression under the Human Rights Act and had therefore not breached the Code of Conduct as the comments were of a political nature
- Members of the Forum and Monitoring Officers were concerned that the threshold of the revised guidance was set too high, and could give Councillors too much leeway
- Following the above reservations being made to the Ombudsman, he had agreed to review the revised guidance to advise Councillors what was not acceptable behaviour, rather than what was acceptable behaviour
- Monitoring Officers had received a draft copy of the revised guidance, but were concerned it did not go far enough in terms of unacceptable behaviour
- As a way forward a sub-group of ACSeS members were currently producing a form of words for the guidance, which they would discuss with the Ombudsman in March 2013
- It was hoped that the revised guidance would be in place by April 2013

Discussion ensued as follows:-

- Members were advised that it would not change the threshold at which the Ombudsman would investigate a complaint
- It would be a decision of individual Councils to adopt protocol for Local Resolution in relation to complaints, which the Ombudsman would not investigate
- It was noted that the Ombudsman would not pursue an appeal in relation to the Calver case

AGREED-

That the information in relation the Ombudsman's revised guidance be noted.

61. **STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2013**

The draft itinerary for the Standards Conference 2013 was presented to the Forum.

Members were advised of the following changes:-

- The Monitoring Officer (Gwynedd), as the Chair of ACSeS, would open the Conference
- There would be space for 130 attendees

- In order to enable attendees to attend sessions it was agreed that the 2 morning sessions on Town and Community Council Relationships and Promoting Standards Proactively would be repeated in the afternoon
- Conducting Hearings and Sanctions would be facilitated by Denbighshire and Conwy
- Register of Interests would be facilitated by Flintshire and Anglesey
- Issues for Single Purpose Authorities would be facilitated by the Snowdonia National Park

Discussion ensued as follows:-

- Although only certain sessions would be facilitated bilingually, all attendees could contribute in either English or Welsh
- Anglesey had requested that, following the Wales Audit Office's (WAO) criticisms of their Standards Committee, a representative from the WAO and the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) be invited to take part for the session; Promoting Standards Proactively
- In relation to the attendance of the Welsh Assembly Members to the Conference, it was suggested that, as there was limited space, the Minister for Local Government and Communities be invited to attend as an observer
- It was suggested that as Conwy were hosting the event, the Chair of the Conwy Standards Committee be invited to give the closing remarks

AGREED-

- (a) That the itinerary for the Standards Conference 2013 be approved, subject to such further amendments as were reasonably required by the North Wales Monitoring Officers.**
- (b) That the Chair for the Conwy Standards Committee give the closing remarks.**
- (c) That the Minister for Local Government and Communities, Carl Sergeant AM, be invited to attend the conference as an observer.**
- (d) That the Wales Audit Office and Welsh Local Government Association be invited to send a representative to participate in the Promoting Standards Proactively Workshop.**

62. **ANY OTHER ITEM**

None.

(The meeting ended at 3.00 pm)

MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	28, JANUARY, 2013.
TEITL	STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2013.
AUTHOR	DILYS PHILLIPS, MONITORING OFFICER.

1. The Standards Conference will be held in Llandudno on the 19th April under the auspices of the North Wales Standards Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Forum.
2. I attach a Programme which has been agreed by the Forum
3. As well as the Monitoring Officer there is room to send four representatives from the Committee (being a member or officer).
4. In the past the committee has given priority to those who have not attended the conference before.
5. The Committee is asked to nominate their representatives together with prioritizing a reserve list should more members wish to attend the conference.

STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2013

Balancing Rights and Responsibilities

10.00 – 10.30	Registration & Tea/Coffee
10.30 – 10.45	Welcome and introduction – Dilys Phillips, Chair of ACSeS
10.45 – 11.30	Plenary session 1 – Peter Tyndall, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
11.30 – 11.45	Tea/Coffee
11.45 – 12.45	Workshop session 1: 1A. Promoting standards proactively - Gwynedd 1B. Conducting hearings and sanctions – Denbighshire and Conwy 1C. Register of Interests and Dispensations – Isle of Anglesey and Flintshire
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.30	Plenary session 2 – Local Resolution Procedures Daniel Hurford, WLGA Dilys Phillips, Gwynedd Rod Jones, Swansea
14.30 – 14.45	Tea/Coffee
14.45 – 15.45	Workshop session 2: 2A. Promoting standards proactively - Gwynedd 2B. Conducting hearings and sanctions – Denbighshire and Conwy 2C. Standards issues for town and community councils and single purpose authorities – Wrexham and Snowdonia National Park
15.45 – 16.00	Closing remarks – Howie Roberts Chair of the North Wales Forum of Chairs and Vice-chairs of Standards Committees

Committee:	Standards Committee
Date:	28 January 2013
Title:	Allegations against members
Author:	Monitoring Officer
Action:	For information

1. Background

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee members of the developments, since the last report, in relation to allegations against members. The report is based on the information received from the Ombudsman.

2. Decisions

Case 201203256

Complaint against a member of a community / town council, by a fellow member, that he had not disclosed an interest when a planning application was under consideration. The councillor has worked at the property for a period in the past, and recently had unsuccessfully tendered for work with the applicants. Also, the member had been quoted in the local paper expressing concerns about the property's general planning situation.

Decision – No investigation. There did not appear to be a close personal association between the councillor and the applicant and therefore no interest arose.

3. Outstanding allegations

Cases 201203449 & 201203493

A complaint that a county councillor had used his Facebook page to solicit negative comments and that some of them were unfounded and offensive.

The Ombudsman's investigation is continuing.

4. Case considered by the Standards Committee

The Committee held a hearing in relation to the complaint against Councillor A.M. Jones, Gwynedd Council on 26 September 2012. Councillor Jones appealed to the Adjudication Panel for Wales and a hearing date is awaited.

5. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the information.

MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	28, JANUARY, 2013.
TITLE	TRAINING.
AWDUR	DILYS PHILLIPS, MONITORING OFFICER.

1. Following the elections in May 2012, training sessions of one and a half hours on the Code of Conduct were offered to members as part of the induction process. 64 members attended including every one but 3 of the new members. The session was based on the material prepared jointly between the Wales Monitoring Officers and the Welsh Local Government Association and approved by the Standards Committee.
2. In connection with Town and Community Councils, there was agreement with One Voice Wales that they would offer training based on the materials prepared jointly with the monitoring officers, and this was done in two locations in Gwynedd. Their programme for 2013 include another three sessions, one in Barmouth on the 13th March, one in Pwllheli on the 14th May and one in Caernarfon on the 27th June.
3. Despite this, the numbers who attend the sessions are small and it has been suggested that it would be more beneficial to offer the training to clerks. I have contacted the Society of Local Council Clerks to discuss this proposal.
4. This Committee was given a brief introduction to its work at its first meeting in July 2012, but no detailed training has been presented, particularly for new members of the committee.
5. It is considered that the following options are available :
 - (a) Offering a refresher session, say once a year to members of the County Council.
 - (b) Offering specific sessions for Clerks of Town and Community Councils.
 - (c) Offering a tailored session for members of the Standards Committee.
 - (ch) Offering a series of sessions for members of Town and Community Councils.
 - (d) Offering occasional informal drop-in sessions in various locations for whichever audience wishes to attend.

6. **CONSIDERATIONS.**

A number of training events have been offered, or are already on offer. Traditionally it has proved difficult to attract people to training on the Code of Conduct and the County Councillors tend to come and ask relevant officers when they have a question. Despite this, the offer of training is one of the matters that the Ombudsman considers every time he investigates a complaint regarding the Code of Conduct and there is an expectation that training will be available.

7. **RECOMMENDATION.**

The Committee is asked to consider the above matters and to give direction on drawing up a training programme on the Code of Conduct.

MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	28, JANUARY, 2013
TITLE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY)WALES BILL
AUTHOR	DILYS PHILLIPS, MONITORING OFFICER.

1. There is a Bill before the Assembly at present which contains a number of matters dealing with local government legislation. One clause (Clause 63) deals with the establishing of joint standards committees.
2. I attach part of the Explanation which explains what is intended in relation to standards committees, and in paragraph 58 you can see the reasoning of Welsh Government for introducing this clause in the bill.
3. It appears from the wording that there would be a power to establish a joint standards committee and not a compulsion, but it would have to operate in accordance with the guidelines presented by the Welsh Government.
4. The Bill is out to consultation at present and there is an opportunity for the Standards Committee to give their opinion on the proposal.
5. Some of the matters that the committee could consider are :-
 - (a) How easy it is to attract members to serve on the standards committee.
 - (b) How much work is there for the committee in order to maintain expertise?
 - (c) How important it is for the committee to be associated with one authority only and therefore keep the decisions locally.
 - (ch) Are there differences between authorities that would make it impractical to one have committee.
 - (d) Any geographical or linguistic matters that could affect the implementation of the joint committee.
6. **RECOMMENDATION.**

The committee is asked whether they wish to express an opinion in response to the consultation.

Standards Committees

54 The Local Government Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) established the current ethical framework that promotes the observance of consistent standards of conduct by local government members in England and Wales. It places a duty on every relevant authority (for this purpose a county/county borough council, National Park Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority and a Police Authority) to establish a standards committee.

55 The general functions of standards committee are:

- Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the members and co-opted members of the authority; and
- Assisting members and co-opted members of the authority to observe the authority’s code of conduct.

56 Without prejudice to its general functions, a standards committee has the following specific functions:

- Advising the authority on the adoption or revision of a code of conduct;
- Monitoring the operation of the authority’s code of conduct;
- Advising, training or arranging to train members and co-opted members of the authority on matters relating to the authority’s code of conduct.

57 The county/county borough council’s standards committee exercises these functions in relation to community and town councils in its area.

58 The Welsh Government believes that there would be benefit from relevant authorities in Wales collaborating to establish joint standards committees based upon the ‘Welsh Government’s Collaboration Footprint for Public Services’. Some of these benefits include:

- Helping to overcome problems experienced in some areas in finding suitable independent people to sit on standards committees;
- Making more efficient and effective use of resources and providing flexibility to deal with alleged failures to comply with the code of conduct;
- Avoiding potential conflicts of interest and enhancing public confidence in the complaints process by creating distance between committees and complainants / subjects of complaints;
- Facilitating consistent responses to complaints across Wales, especially where action is taken through local resolution processes; and
- Facilitating the spread of good practice in promoting high standards of conduct.

59 The Bill amends Part III of the 2000 Act to facilitate the establishment by local authorities of joint standards committees for the purposes of exercising functions under that Act.

MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	28, JANUARY, 2013
TITLE	MEMBERS PROTOCOL ON GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY
PURPOSE	REVIEW THE PROTOCOL
AUTHOR	DILYS PHILLIPS, MONITORING OFFICER.

I attach the following documents:-

1. The report that was before the Committee on the 27th November, 2012.
2. The current Protocol on Gifts and Hospitality.
3. Registration Form for Gifts and Hospitality
4. A draft of the revised Protocol.

At its meeting on the 27th November the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the Gifts and Hospitality Protocol and asked for research into the protocols available in other councils and suggestions for a revised protocol.

From the research carried out it appears that few councils have a formal protocol or guidance on gifts and hospitality. Of those with a protocol they tend to follow the same pattern with principles outlined followed by examples of the types of gifts or hospitality which cannot be accepted and examples of the gifts and hospitality which can be accepted.

I have made some revisions to the Protocol (Appendix 4) in the light of this research. I have included the requirements of the Code of Conduct in paragraph 2 and have set out general principles in paragraph 3.

I was asked to look at invitations received in the course of a member's duties, e.g. civic invitations.

The other Protocols list the following as gifts and hospitality which can be accepted.

- (a) Civic Hospitality from another public authority.
- (b) Light refreshment in connection with a meeting, e.g. tea, coffee, biscuits.
- (c) Hospitality received in the context of a visit or outside meeting which is authorised by the Council.

The Committee is asked if it satisfied that this kind of hospitality is acceptable.

The definition of gift has been changed in order to address the situations where work or goods are supplied but no invoice is presented.

The Committee's view is also sought on refusing gifts. The current protocol suggests that gifts should be refused. This could be very difficult where, say, an elector has presented a gift as an acknowledgement to a councillor. The alternative would be to include in the protocol a clause stating that if it is impracticable to return the gift it should be presented to a charity, e.g. for raffle.

I was asked how to publicise the protocol and the register, but without going as far as placing the register on the website. It should be noted that the register is public and would be disclosed if someone made an application for it.

It is difficult to know the extent of gifts or offers of hospitality made to councillors. At the same time it is difficult to be certain that every councillor is fully aware of when a gift or hospitality should be registered. The Code of Conduct notes that it is only gifts or hospitality worth in excess of £25 which need to be registered, and this could be responsible for the low number of registrations.

If the committee suggests changes to the protocol, it would need to be adopted by the full Council and there would then be an opportunity to draw it to the attention of all members. Occasional inspections could also be considered, or sending a registration form to every member, say once every year. Some councils operate a procedure of submitting the register to the Standards Committee occasionally in order to keep it under review.

RECOMMENDATION.

- (a) The Committee's views are sought on the revised protocol.
- (b) The Committee's views are sought on bringing the protocol to the attention of councillors.
- (c) The Committee's view is sought on the form.

PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS ON GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

1. Introduction

- 1.1 You should treat with extreme caution any offer or a gift or hospitality made to you personally. You are responsible for any decision to accept an offer of a gift or hospitality, and your personal reputation and that of the Council could be seriously jeopardised by the inappropriate acceptance of such an offer.
- 1.2 No hard and fast rules can be laid down to cover every circumstance but this protocol offers guidelines to assist you in making a decision.

2. The Law

- 2.1 Accepting a bribe is an offence. If it is proved that you have received any gift, loan, fee, reward or advantage by somebody seeking to obtain a contract from the Council then the onus will be on you (and the person making the offer) to prove that you have not acted dishonestly.
- 2.2 The Members Code of Conduct states "That you must avoid accepting from anyone gifts, hospitality (other than official hospitality, such as a civic reception or a working lunch duly authorised by your authority), material benefits or services for yourself or any person which might place you, or reasonably appear to place you, under an improper obligation."

"You must not in your official capacity or otherwise, use or attempt to use your position improperly to confer on or secure for yourself, or any other person, an advantage or create or avoid for yourself, or any other person, a disadvantage."

"You must within 28 days of being offered any gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage above the value of £25 provide written notification to your authority's monitoring officer of the existence and nature of that gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage. You Must register any such offer whether you accept it or not."

3. Principles

- 3.1 Improper obligation – A gift or hospitality should never be accepted as a reward or inducement to act in a particular way as a councillor or as a means of obtaining influence.
- 3.2 Benefit to the Council – Gifts or hospitality should only be accepted if there is a benefit to the Council of so doing. The benefit should be proportionate with the gift.

- 3.3 Misinterpretation – Gifts or hospitality should not be accepted if to do so would leave the council or member open to accusations of misconduct. Members must not only conduct themselves properly, they also be seen to be conducting themselves properly.
- 3.4 Soliciting a gift or hospitality – Gifts or hospitality should never be sought or invited in connection with a role as a councillor.

4. Gifts

- 4.1 A “gift” includes free goods and services, the opportunity to buy goods/services subject to a discount or terms which are not available to the public, or the opportunity to buy goods/services that are not available to the public. Care should be taken in situations where work or goods are ordered but no invoice is presented.
- 4.2 You may accept civic gifts on behalf of the Council. This protocol is not applicable to such gifts and neither do they need to be registered.
- 4.3 You should not accept personal gifts that are relevant to your position as a member or arising from that position, from anyone. However, it would be appropriate for you to keep small and insignificant gifts such as diaries etc. You may also accept raffle prizes.
- 4.4 You should refuse any gift offered to you, or to a member of your immediate family, from any person or organisation doing business or seeking to do business with the Council or applying to the Council for some sort of decision.
- 4.5 When a gift has to be declined the offerer should be courteously but firmly informed of the procedures and standards operating within the Council. If such a gift is delivered :
- it must be returned immediately to the sender giving reason.
 - the acceptance and return of gifts over £25.00 should be registered
 - where an offerer insists that you accept the gift, you should contact the Monitoring Officer for advice on further appropriate action.

5. Hospitality

- 5.1 You should not accept hospitality from a person or organisation that is seeking a decision from the Council or is doing business or seeking to do business with the Council.

- 5.2 You should only accept offers of hospitality if there is a genuine need to impart information or represent the Council in the community.
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- 5.6 You may accept hospitality through attendance at relevant conferences and courses where it is clear that the hospitality is corporate rather than personal, where the Council has given permission beforehand and where the Council is satisfied that any of its decisions will not be compromised.
- 5.7 You may accept normal refreshment in connection with your work as a member (tea, coffee, biscuits etc.)

6. Registration

- 6.1 Under the Council's Code of Conduct you must register any gift or hospitality that you receive that is worth more than £25.00. You should also register any such offer that you have refused.
- 6.2 The gift and hospitality register is kept by the Monitoring Officer who should be informed in writing of any gift or hospitality that you receive or refuse that is worth more than £25.00. The register will be available for public inspection.
- 6.3 The figure of £25.00 is of course relevant in considering what should be registered, it does not mean that you can accept all gifts or hospitality that are worth less than that. You must consider carefully every offer whatever its value.

7. Monitoring Officer

- 7.1 If you have any doubt concerning an offer of a gift or of hospitality, you should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

MEETING	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE	27, NOVEMBER, 2012
TITLE	PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS ON GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY
PURPOSE	TO REVIEW THE PROTOCOL
AUTHOR	DILYS PHILLIPS, MONITORING OFFICER.

1. I attach to this report a copy of the Protocol for Gifts and Hospitality for Council Members. This Protocol was adopted by the Council in June 2004. The Protocol is an effort to provide guidance to members on which gifts and offers of hospitality can be accepted and which must be registered.
2. The Code of Conduct for Members states "*You must, within 28 days of being offered any gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage above the value of £25, provide written notification to your authority's monitoring officer of the existence and nature of that gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage. You must register any such offer whether you accept it or not.*"
3. The Standards Committee recommended a threshold of £25 when the Code was adopted in 2008 and the Standards Committee also recommended that any refused offer should be registered as well as the ones that are accepted.
4. In his guidelines on the Code, the Ombudsman offers the following guidance on gifts and hospitality.
 - (a) Accepting gifts or hospitality can create a personal interest for a member, which must then be declared if a committee considers a matter which affects the individual who gave the gift or hospitality.
 - (b) The member should question the motive for the gift or hospitality in order to decide if it is offered to him/her by virtue of his position as a councillor.
 - (c) Any gift or hospitality must be registered if the member is unsure of its value or is part of a series of gifts which together will reach the threshold of £25.
5. The paragraph in the Code of Conduct is relevant to town and community councils in the same way as to the County Council, and the Ombudsman's guidelines for town and community councils include the same guidance. The protocol adopted by Gwynedd Council in 2008 has not been distributed to the town and community councils.

6. Members of the County Council are asked to register any offers of gifts or hospitality which are valued at more than £25 by completing a form and returning it to the Monitoring Officer. I attach a copy of the form. I do however receive some declarations of gifts and hospitalities by e-mail.
7. I attach to the report a summary of all the gifts and hospitality which have been registered since May 2008. It can be seen that the list is not very extensive. It is also worth noting that the registrations of gifts and hospitality have been made by 10 members of the Council.
8. When reviewing the Protocol for Gifts and Hospitality, it may be beneficial to consider the following matters :-
 - (a) Does the Protocol give clear enough guidance to members as to when they should accept or refuse offers? Is it possible to have guidelines which give examples of situations, or would it be better to set criteria or questions that all councillors should ask before deciding to accept a gift or offer of hospitality?
 - (b) Is it confusing to set a financial threshold for registration that is not relevant to whether the gift or hospitality is accepted or not?
 - (c) Is the threshold of £25 still appropriate?
 - (ch) In what form should the register be kept, and how should members register their gifts or hospitality?
 - (d) Are any changes required to the registration form?
 - (dd) Should the protocol be changed so that it refers to the Ombudsman's guidelines?
 - (e) What should be done in relation to compiling a register of gifts and hospitality for town and community councils?
9. In reviewing this Protocol, it is possible that the committee might feel they should commission more research or investigation in order to obtain more detailed evidence. The committee's opinion is therefore sought as to whether this is an area it wishes to review in depth and for their initial comments on the Protocol.

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Gift and Hospitality Register 2008 - 2012

Date of Form/email	Gift or Hospitality declared	Accepted/Refused	Value
22/5/08	Champagne. A gift from Mr Alun Gerrard who seconded the Councillor's nomination papers.	Accepted	£25+
16/07/08	Events to celebrate the 70 th Anniversary of the South Caernarfon Creameries. An invitation from the South Caernarfon Creameries.	Accepted	£25+
29/09/08	Tickets to the Faenol Festival. An invitation from the Welsh Assembly Government	Accepted	£25+
05/11/08	A glass plaque from the Mayor of Huchenfeld – the twinning of Llanbedr and Huchenfeld.	Accepted	?
12/11/08	Refreshments at Plas Glynllifon (invitation by Parc Glynllifon to the Craft Fair).	Accepted	c.£5
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21/04/09	A bottle of whiskey from an appreciative constituent	Accepted	£25+
19/11/09	Dinner with Meirionnydd Yacht Club to celebrate the purchase of the land from the Council.	Accepted	£25+
01/12/09	A bottle of wine from an appreciative constituent	Accepted	?
12/1/10	Lunch with Tai Cartrefi Gwynedd – invitation from Cartrefi Gwynedd.	Accepted	c.£25
20/2/10	Launch of “Snowdonia 1890” – invitation from the BBC.	Accepted	?
08/06/10	Invitation to dinner by TRIBAL company	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Dinner by invitation of the Welsh Language Board	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Dinner by invitation of the Wales Museum Trust	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	LGC Awards Evening – invitation by Procserve	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Dinner by invitation of Cwmni Iaith	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Dinner by invitation of Solace 11/2/2010	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Welsh Politician of the Year. Dinner by invitation of the Welsh Year Book	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	David Hawker Dinner	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Celtic Festival dinner by invitation of Cwmni Barcud.	Accepted	£25+

08/06/10	Dinner by invitation of Excellence Wales	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Dinner with the Local Services Board	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Dinner by invitation of Solace 12/2/2010.	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	North Wales Partnership Board dinner	Accepted	£25+
08/06/10	Meeting with the National Library of Wales – an invitation from the Library.	Accepted	£25+
13/01/11	A dinner arranged by Sain at the Institute of Welsh Affairs evening	Accepted	£25+
24/01/11	Institute of Welsh Affairs dinner	Accepted	£25+
24/01/11	Dinner arranged by the WLGA	Accepted	£25+
18/03/11	Football tickets – Caernarfon v Caernarfon Wanderers – as a member of the Caernarfon Rugby Club by the Caernarfon Football Club.	Accepted	£25+
30/03/11	Foster carers’ Annual Dinner (Gwynedd Council)	Accepted	£25+
30/03/11	Dinner by invitation of the “Harlech Society”	Accepted	£25+
23/05/11	Installation of Cllr Ioan Thomas as Mayor of Caernarfon (by invitation of the Caernarfon Town Council).	Accepted	£25+
29/07/11	2 x tickets to the opening concert at the National Eisteddfod from Cwmni Ynni Gwynt Cymru.	Accepted	£25+
15 /08/11	Dinner by invitation of the “Devere Group”	Accepted	£25+
31/08/11	Gwynedd Business Week – Gala dinner (Gwynedd Council)	Accepted	£25+
06/09/11	A voucher for £50 for a meal at a restaurant and two bottles of wine – from a constituent.	Accepted	c.£60

Gift and Hospitality Register 2012 -2017

Date of Form/email	Gift or Hospitality declared	Accepted/Refused	Value
14/11/12	An invitation to dinner at the Celtic Hotel from the Welsh Arts Council	Accepted	£25+
14/11/12	A ticket and refreshment invitation to the 6 Nations Rugby game in Cardiff on 17/3/12.	Refused	£25+

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Members' gifts and hospitality registration form



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1. Manylion y rhodd neu'r lletygarwch a gynigwyd / Details of gift or hospitality offered:

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2. Y person neu'r corff a wnaeth y cynnig / Person or organisation who made the offer:

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3. A dderbyniwyd y cynnig? / Was offer accepted?

Derbyniwyd/Accepted

Gwrthodwyd/Refused

4. Gwerth y rhodd neu lletygarwch / Value of gift or hospitality:

(Rhowch amcangyfrif os na fedrwyd roddi ffigwr pendant / Put estimate if you cannot provide precise amount)

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Arwyddwyd/Signed..... Dyddiad/Date.....

(I'w dychwelyd i'r Swyddog Monitro / To be returned to the Monitoring Officer)